

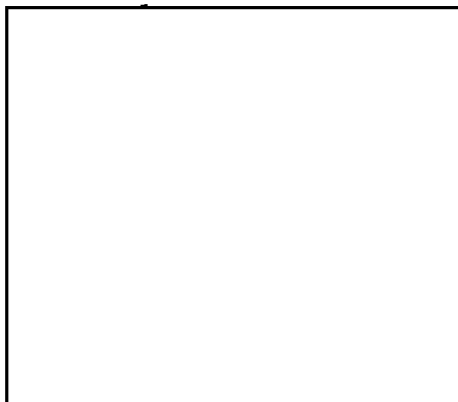
MINUTES
OF THE 11 JANUARY 198²₁
MEETING OF THE FINE ARTS COMMISSION

1. The meeting was called to order at 1100 hours in room 7D32, Headquarters. Present were:

Members: Bruce T. Johnson, Chairman

Consultant:

Representatives:



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1. The minutes of the 14 December meeting were approved as submitted.

2. Old Business

a. The Trans Himalayan Photo Exhibit is up and is very attractive. [] thanked [] for their help in hanging the exhibit. [] also displayed some handmade pony harnesses that are to be added to the exhibit.

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b. [] reported that the Black Heritage Exhibit is to start the first week of February. The Office of the EEO is looking into the possibility of bringing in an exhibit from the Afro American Cultural Museum located in Philadelphia. There would be a charge of \$500.00 for this exhibit, which the EEO would be expected to pay. The FAC feels that it would not be appropriate to pay for this exhibit, but is prepared to be flexible if the EEO is unable to budget for this exhibit. The museum staff would set up this free standing exhibit so approval from Security would be needed.

c. [] reported that the Agency's Camera Club will sponsor the Photography Exhibit in March.

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d. [] reported that [] IMS, would like to hold a photographic exhibit in April on outstanding women, where they started and where they are today. This exhibit is scheduled to be shown in March at the Torpedo Factory. [] has also indicated that if this exhibit is held at the Agency she would like to invite Mrs. Lyndon Johnson and Mrs. Gerald Ford to attend. A number of questions were raised about whether [] was representing herself or a group and whether she is working in conjunction with the Women's Coordinator,

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[] The Commission decided to invite [] to the next meeting to answer these questions and to describe her project.

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e. [] reported that he and [] have done some work on the Craft Show scheduled for May, and have divided the show into four categories:

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1. Pottery/Ceramics--original work only.
2. Textile Design/Fabric Art.
3. Metal work and Wood Work.
4. Glasswork--blown glass, etc.

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[] also indicated there will be no limit as to entries, no problem with size, and no awards or prizes will be given. Discussion followed on whether to exclude work that has been shown in previous craft exhibits. It was decided that sufficient time had elapsed since the last craft show so that such restrictions were unnecessary. It was pointed out that some people might take exception to the definition of original pottery only, and after discussion it was agreed to exclude all kit- or mold-based work, so the same rule will apply to all categories. Mr. Johnson asked

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[] to have a draft of the Employee Bulletin announcing the Craft Show ready for submission to the FAC at their next meeting. [] reported that she has a poster used for the Craft Show in previous years.

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[] agreed to look at it.

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f. In [] absence, [] submitted [] sketch of the pedestal designed for the display of the sculpture "Ecce Hommo." The pedestal is hexagonal in shape, with pexiglass panels and a carpeted platform with a black formica facing. Materials for the pedestal will cost about \$500.00. It is assumed that the work can be done by our people, but it was suggested that bids be obtained from GSA and outside contractors.

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Mr. Johnson requested that [] that the Committee would be grateful if [] could put the sketch in final form so we could get estimates on its construction.

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g. Mr. Johnson requested comments on the draft texts for a placard to be mounted adjacent to the statue and an Employee Bulletin on the subject. They were accepted with a few modifications. The FAC decided to mount two placards on the wall near the statue, one with name, sculptor, etc. and another with a few words about the sculptor's work.

h. Mr. Johnson has made an appointment for 18 January with Mr. Lynn Buckham, the portrait painter whom we had called last fall. Mr. Buckham had been pleased to accept the invitation to come in and will bring in his book of portraits he has done. Mr. Johnson had explained to Mr. Buckham that we were developing a list of artists for future use. [redacted]

[redacted] will attend the meeting with the painter.

i. [redacted] identified another portrait painter, Mr. Robert Brody. ^{Prooty} A portrait of Nancy Reagan and some photographs of the artist's work were submitted by ^{Prooty} [redacted]. Several portraits of judges done by Mr. Brody are on display at the Alexandria Courthouse. The Commission agreed to add Mr. ^{Prooty} Brody to their list of painters.

j. Further discussion was held on portrait painters with [redacted] indicating that a proposal should be put to the Director as soon the list is drawn up. She also reported that Arthur Giacalonni, the restoration man, has not responded to her calls, but Susan Brook, who was recommended by the National Portrait Gallery, will be coming in this week.

k. [redacted] Mr. Johnson reported on their discussions of FAC activities in the annexes. They propose to send a letter to the major Office Director in each Washington area annex asking him to nominate volunteers to serve on the FAC. [redacted] has submitted his draft of this letter to Mr. Johnson.

l. Mr. Johnson met with the Office of Security officer responsible for the installation of the closed circuit cameras in and around the Headquarters Building to express regret over the failure to coordinate with the FAC on the installations. The reason such obtrusive cameras have been installed is that OGC had ruled that, to protect individual privacy, concealed cameras would require adjacent display of prominent signs pointing to the location of the equipment.

m. Mr. Johnson mentioned the excellent Alma Thomas exhibit at the NMAA and how disappointing it is that we were not able to get it for display here.

3. New Business:

a. Mr. Johnson suggested that committee reports be made part of the Agenda for each FAC meeting, although it is not expected that every committee would have something to report each month. The Agenda for each month's meeting is usually prepared on the first Monday of the month; if a committee has an item for the Agenda it should be reported to Mr. Johnson by mid-day or COB of the first Monday of the month.

b. GSA has received a suggestion to save on energy and labor by replacing all the lights in the cafeterias with mercury vapor lights. If the suggestion is approved, the lights will be replaced immediately. Several comments were made that these lights may have the effect of changing the color of faces and food. [redacted] is suppose to be looking into this for the Cafeteria Committee. The FAC will support the Committee as needed if this suggestion proves to be undesirable.

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4. The next meeting of the FAC will be held on 8 February 1982 at 1100 hours in room 7D32.

5. Mr. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 1205 hours.

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Bruce T. Johnson

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